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CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

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You have received this newsletter because of your interest in the various capital and planning projects being administered by the Augusta Recreation and Parks Department. For your convenience, we have included reports related to progress on long range planning projects along with updates on current capital projects, both rehabilitative and new construction.

If you do not wish to receive this update (Approximately once every 60 days), please let us know. You can reply to this e-mail or call me at 706-796-5025. Also, should you have any comments or suggestions, we would greatly appreciate the input.

We are attempting to reach out to our community to keep you informed. If you know of anyone that would like to be added to our e-mail list, have them contact me. We are happy to share our story with you!

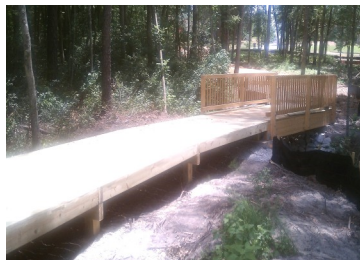
*** Review of Plans ***

Plans for some projects can be reviewed in the Department's Administrative Office on Lumpkin Road. To review plans, please contact me for an appointment.

DID YOU KNOW ...

*Since 1996, The Augusta Recreation and Parks Department has been allocated over \$53M in funds to help us improve our great park system thanks to the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

FEATURED PROJECT



M. M. Scott Park Improvement Project

The improvements at this neighborhood park are two-fold:

- A. A new lighted, paved walking track is currently under construction.
- B. A new picnic shelter with rest rooms is currently under construction.

Both projects are scheduled for completion in the Fall of 2010.

LIFE ...BE IN IT!



Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted.

It's not what we leave our kids; it's what we leave within them that counts.

The most important things in life aren't things!

LAKE OLMSTEAD PARK PROJECT—CASINO

HVAC Replacement

An Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant has been secured through the Department of Energy as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grant dollars will allow for the replacement of the existing HVAC system due to performance failure and code-compliant issues. Project is currently under construction with a completion date of October 2010. Design Consultants: Pruett, Ford & Associates; Contractor: RCN Contracting.

Roof Replacement

This project will remove the existing asphalt shingle roof (@12,000 sq ft) and replace with New insulation, underlayment and asphalt shingles to be installed, all new copper flashing, gutter and downspouts. Currently under design by the Davis Design Group, the rehabilitation of this facility preserves a significant historic building in Augusta, Georgia and enhances the visual quality of our city.



THE BOATHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

The project scope includes a number of exterior safety and cosmetic improvements. These include:

Replacing existing deck; Replacing existing handrail system; Exterior painting; Limited siding replacement; Removal of some sliding glass doors and existing windows.

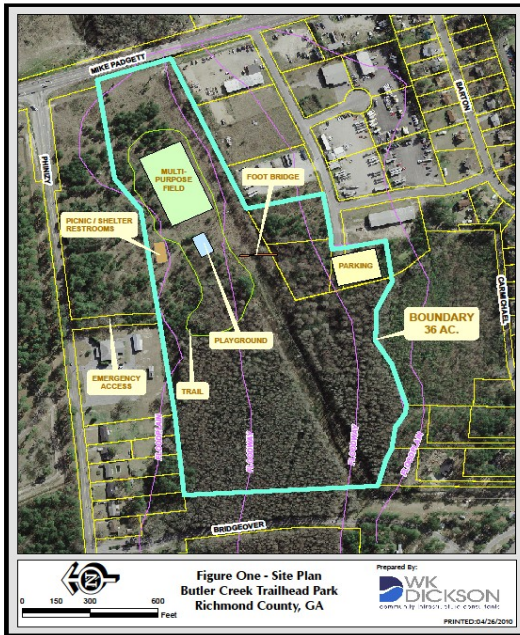
Architectural and engineering design services are currently underway and being provided by Virgo Gambill Architects.



BUTLER CREEK TRAILHEAD PARK PROJECT

This new park project, currently under phase I design, will develop 36 acres of City owned and designated greenspace referred to as Butler Creek Trailhead Park. Funded through SPLOST VI, the development of this park site, which includes a portion of Butler Creek, would include parking and pedestrian access via a footbridge to the park from south of Butler Creek, a picnic shelter with rest rooms, a natural playground area and maintained open space.

This critical park development is part of the overall Butler Creek Greenway. The City of Augusta, in partnership with the Central Savannah River Land Trust, has assembled @80% of the land along Butler Creek from Lombard Mill Pond to Phinizy Swamp, a 1,150 acre nature park partnership with the City of Augusta and the Southeastern Natural Sciences Academy, consisting of newly created wetlands and natural swamp-lands.



PENDLETON KING PARK



In January of 2010, the Augusta Recreation and Parks Department assumed the operations and maintenance of this 64 acre park facility that is leased to the City from the Pendleton King Park Foundation. In this short time, through sound management and dedicated staff, we have witnessed the revitalization of this park. The ongoing park improvements demonstrate an excellent example of Government and volunteers working together to provide the leadership and civic pride and hard work this park deserves.

In 2008, the City of Augusta commissioned the Davis Design Group to prepare a 20 year Master Plan of Development for the park. Part of the Master Plan include a new multi-purpose building to be used for a variety of community educational and recreational needs of our community adding to the healthy lifestyles of our residents. Being one of the first priorities for implementation of the plan by the Pendleton King Foundation Board of Directors and the City of Augusta, the Davis Design Group has been retained to provide preliminary & presentation design for a new structure in the park.

As part of the citizen approved capital improvement plan for the City, funded through the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST Phase VI), Pendleton King Park was allocated \$200,000 which will be available in 2013. With an estimated cost of \$600,000 for this new building, the Pendleton King Park Foundation will continue to be aggressive in their fund raising efforts to cover the remaining \$400,000 required to make this dream a reality..

With the popularity of this centrally located park and its attraction to provide family friendly and inexpensive recreational opportunities, we will continue to provide periodic updates with regards to this park and this building project. In the meantime, we encourage you to come out and explore the wonderful features of this park. From the trails to the gardens, from the dog park to the disc golf course and from the variety of flora and fauna, come experience the wonders of Pendleton King Park. And remember Augusta, "Let's Get Active"!



